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1. BEFORE FONMIN DJERMAKOYE'S DEPARTURE FOR BRUSSELS, WHERE HE IS MAKING BRIEF STOP, AND NEW YORK I HAD LONG SESSION WITH HIM ON FORHTCOMING UNGA AND ISSUES OF IMPORTANCE TOUS. FOLLOWING MATTERS COVERED:

A. COOPERATION WITH AFRICANS. I CONVEYED SUBSTANCE OF REF A STRESSING OUR INTEREST IN COOPERATING WITH NIGER, POINTING OUT BLOC VOTING PREVENTED REALISTIC RESOLUTION OF INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS AND URGING EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WITH USDEL ON ISSUES LIKELY TO ARISE THIS YEAR. DJERMAKOYE WELCOMED THIS APPROACH,
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NOTED THIS WOULD BE HIS FIRST UNGA AND EXPRESSED INTEREST

IN COMPARING NOTES ON ISSUES OF MUTUAL INTEREST. (AS DJERMAKOYE HAD BEEN OUT OF TOWN WHEN REF A RECEIVED, IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE AS SUGGESTED IN REF TO MAKE THIS APPROACH BEFORE PRESENTING OUR SPECIFIC UNGA CONCERNS TO GON.).

B) KEY ISSUES AT UNGA. I WENT OVER IN SOME DETAIL MAIN POINTS OF REF B OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO GON AND LEFT WITH HIM PAPER DRAWING ON VERY HELPFUL FRENCH TRANSLATION (REF C). ISSUES COVERED INCLUDED PARA 9 (PORTUGAL), PARA 12 (KHMER CREDENTIALS), PARA 13(KOREA), PARA 14 (HUMAN RIGHTS, PARA 15(MIDDLE EAST), PARA 18 (DISARMAMENT), PARA 22 (UN SPECIAL PROGRAM FOR MSA'S), PARA 24 (WORLD CONFERENCE ON FOOD AND POPULATION) AND PARA 25 (UN DISASTER RELIEF OFFICE). DJERMAKOYE OBSERVED HE WAS SPENDING WEEKEND WITH PRESIDENT KOUNTCHE TO CONSIDER GON POSITION AT UNGA WHICH HE ACKNOWLEDGED INVOLVED RE-EXAMINATION OF POSITIONS NIGER HAD PREVIOUSLY TAKEN AND SAID PAPER WAS HELPFUL IN THIS EXERCISE. OUR VIEWS WOULD BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN FORMULATING GON POSITION.

C. CAMBODIAN REPRESENTATION ISSUE (REF D AND E). I MADE STRONG PITCH FOR NIGER TO CHANGE ITS VOTE ON KHMER CREDENTIALS ISSUE, UNDERLINING IMPORTANCE USG (REF D) ATTACHES TO THIS PROBLEM. I SAID THAT IN PAST THERE MAY HAVE BEEN LOGIC TO NIGER'S VOTE IN THAT IT SUPPORTED GOVERNMENTS OR COUNTRIES WHICH IT RECOGNIZED, I.E. GRUNK AND SOUTH KOREA AND SOUTH VIETNAM. HOWEVER, NOW THAT GON WAS TAKING FRESH LOOK AT ITS FOREIGN POLICY OPTIONS AND GOING DOWN NEW ROADS SUCH AS ESTABLISHING RELATIONS WITH PRC AND NORTH KOREA IT COULD WELL RETHINK ITS POLICY TOWARDS GRUNK. FURTHER, AS GOVERNMENT ONLY RECENTLY IN POWER, GON COULD WELL APPRECIATE POINT THAT UN WAS NOT FORUM TO DECIDE WHICH GOVERNMENT REPRESENTED CAMBODIAN PEOPLE, AND THAT IF UN WENT DOWN THIS ROAD, UNFORTUNATE PRECEDENT WOULD BE ESTABLISHED. DJERMAKOYE SAID WE HAD A GOOD POINT BUT MADE NO PROMISES.

D) KOREA (REF F & G). I RECALLED STATEMENTS GON MINISTERS HAD MADE TO ME IN RECENT MONTHS TO EFFECT GON WHOLEHEARTEDLY SUPPORTED SOUTH KOREAN POSITION AT UNGA DEBATE ON KOREAN ISSUE. THIS HAD BEEN REAFFIRMED TO ME EVEN AFTER GON RECONGINTION OF NORTH KOREA (NIAMEY 2969). DJERMAKOYE
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SAID THIS REMAINED GON VIEW BUT I HAVE FEELING THIS NEEDS SOME REINFORCING. RECOMMEND DEPARTMENT CONSIDER URGING ROK TO INSTRUCT ITS AMBASSADOR IN ABIDJAN ACCREDITED HERE TO VISIT NIAMEY SOON TO SHORE UP GON SUPPORT FOR SOUTH KOREA.

2. COMMENT: GON FOREIGN POLICY IS IN STATE OF FLUX BUT GIVEN AFRICAN, ARAB AND THIRD-WORLD PRESSURES, NIGER MORE LIKELY MOVE AWAY FROM THAN TOWARDS US A T UNG. IT WILL BE

UPHILL BATTLE TO KEEP THOSE VOTES NIGER HAS REGISTERED ON OUR
SIDE IN PAST. WE WILL KEEP TRYING AS WE ASSUME USUN WILL
IN NEW YORK.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: RECOMMEND, SUBJECT TO STATE OF
PLAY IN NEW YORK (PARA 2, REF G) THAT SOUTH KOREAN AMB
IN ABIDJAN BE INSTRUCTED VISIT NIAMEY TO HELP ENLIST
NIGER VOTE FOR KOREA RESOLUTION.HECK

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